

The Federated Church of East Arlington



June 2019

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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"And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

- Luke 12:29, 31-32 (NRSV)

I have learned that each of us has a different threshold for worry. Some of us begin worrying about what is expected of us the minute a new task is presented. These tend to be the very organized folks who cherish order and a certain predictability to life. These are people who can be counted on for the details and more than likely they will have that important task done early and with great accuracy. On the other side of the spectrum are the laid back among us for whom worry doesn't usually arise. These individuals are confident that whatever must be done will get done and have a "don't sweat it" attitude about much of life. And then there are the rest of us who probably tip from one end of this scale to the other, depending on a host of variables. To place our complete trust in God above all else with no Plan B requires a level of confidence that many of us aspire to have.

In the meantime, there are those of our neighbors for whom the basics are foremost on their minds. Planning is tough and they usually have to focus on whichever food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, education or transportation need is in their face today. As the school year comes to a close, we know that the families of some of our youngest neighbors will be struggling this summer. That is where the Summer Lunch Program comes into the picture. This is year eleven of the program and it is truly the way that those of us who won't face such worry can lessen the worry of those for whom the consistent means to feed their children nourishing food may have to get juggled with priorities like rent or car insurance.

This community has been incredibly generous to the Summer Lunch Program over the past decade. What we need now are a few more people who can offer their time as a pick-up person on some Tuesday mornings in July as well as being a potential back-up person for the packing role. Also, please spread the word and encourage families you know to sign up. Applications are available at Fisher Elementary, Sunderland Elementary, AMHS and Happy Days.

In recognition of our shared commitment, we once again will gather for an ecumenical Service of Worship at the Battenkill Grange Pavilion in West Arlington at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 16**. This will be followed by a special Potluck Lunch to which all are invited to bring a dish to share. During the Potluck the Grange will be announcing and celebrating the 2019 Community Citizen Award. Bring a friend and a lawn chair. The offering gathered that day will go to the support of the Summer Lunch Program and individually wrapped healthy snack items will be collected then as well as throughout the summer in Bailey Hall.

To alleviate one worry for families in our community is a gift we get to share with open hearts and the confident knowledge of God's love put into action.

Peace and blessings,
Kathy



The Federated Church of East Arlington

Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2019 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-5/31	\$ 22,796.00
Building Use 1/1-5/31	\$ 2,670.65
Fundraising 1/1-5/31	\$ 245.50
Steeple Fund 1/1-5/31	\$ 15,341.00

Thank You!



Church attendance

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
5/5	44	3
5/12	29	1
5/19	32	6
5/26	32	3

Please submit your articles for
the July 2019 issue of the
newsletter by
June 20th
Thank you for your
anticipated cooperation!

Your Church Council

The Church Council is moving along. Pastor Kathy is on Sabbatical from May 21st to June 12th. We will be having guest preachers. I hope that you try to come to some of the services.

John Thompson and Olavi Wirkki have repaired our emergency Exit Sign lights which we discovered none of them were working. We thank you. Olavi has painted the bathrooms and they look great. The stove and hood were professionally cleaned and they sure do sparkle.

We wish Anne Marie Webber well as she goes to her next move in New Hampshire. We hope that the Sunday School will continue in the fall of this year. Please consider helping out so the kids have some children church time.

Save the Steeple is coming along, we are about one-half way there. Any size donation will help to get this lovely steeple beautiful again. We hope we will have the money to start this project in August or September if it stops raining!

Peace be with you

Sue Congdon

Council Chair

Our Church Council

Chair	Susan Congdon		
Treasurer	Alyson Grzyb		
Clerk	Tammy Lang		
Ex Officio	Pastor Kathy Clark		
Building & Grounds	Olavi Wirkki	1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Jeff McConnell
Education	Anne Marie Webber	1. Bernice Gaudette	2.
Finance	Brian Allen	1. Herb Taylor	2. Raebeth Hitchcock
Worship & Ministry	Ginny Wilkins	1. Linda McDevitt	2. Phyllis Warren
Missions & Outreach	Sandy Grover	1. Wendy Bahan	2. Gail Rice

June birthdays

- 3 – Linda McKeever
Janet Wilson
- 11 – Landyn Lavallee
- 23 – Vi Day
- 23 - Pat Taylor
- 24 – Lina Grover
- 25 – Barb Benjamin
- 27 – Matthew Ritchie
- 27 – Charlie Jenks
- 28 – Don Umlauf



June anniversaries

- 7 – Alyson & Steve Grzyb
- 10 – Larry & Sharon Davis
- 10 - Phillip & Karen Underhill
- 13 – Kathy & Roger Clark
- 14 – Olavi & Sue Wirkki
- 14 - Betty and Jack Gunther
- 18 – Anna & Brian Bushee
- 19 - Nathalie & Bruce Caler
- 24 – Dan & Jen Rosenthal
- 27 – Rich & Patti Cody
- 27 - Herb & Pat Taylor
- 30 – Marcelo and Stephanie Barrios



June Helping Hands

Lay Reader: Sue Wirkki

Council Member:

June 2:

Usher: Alyson Grzyb

Communion Servers:

Greeter: Michelanne Sylvester

June 9:

Usher: Kathy Frost

Greeter: Karen Underhill

June 16:

Usher: Janet and Ward Wilson

Greeter: Ginny Wilkins

June 23

Usher: Karen Underhill

Greeter: Linda McDevitt

June 30

Usher:

Greeter: Linda McDevitt

Altar:

Sunshine:

Fellowship/Coffee Hour

June 2: Phyllis Warren

June 9:

June 16:

June 23:

June 30:

Altar Flowers

June 2: Brian Allen

June 9:

June 16:

June 23:

June 30:

Southwest Association, UCC

Prays for their Churches

Each week one of the churches in the Southwest Association, UCC, will be prayed for by the other churches in the association.

June 2: Federated Church of East Arlington

June 9: United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

June 16: Federated Church of East Arlington

June 23: First Congregational Church of Hubbardton

June 30: First Congregational Church of Manchester

Lectionary Readings for June

June 2: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97
Rev. 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

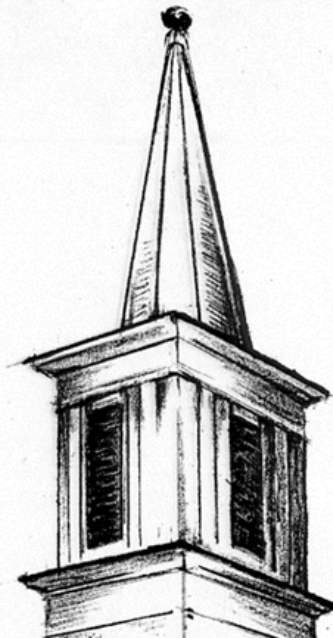
June 9: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 16: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 23: 1 Kings 19:1-4,(5-7),8-15; Psalm 42, 43
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 30: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Save Our Steeple



The Federated Church of East Arlington is launching its first-ever capital drive. We're raising \$25,000 to repair and paint the church steeple. Everyone sees the steeple, so we're reaching out.

Our Vermont Greek Revival building is one of the oldest in town. The steeple project is long overdue. It'll look great when it is done and contribute to the ongoing spruce-up in East Arlington.

You'll hear more about this project. You can make a dedicated, tax deductible gift to the Steeple Fund, Federated Church of East Arlington, 102 Ice Pond Road, Arlington, VT 05250. We won't barrage you with future mail aside from a hearty thank you and God Bless You!

Brian Allen, Chair
Steeple Fund

*Thank
You*





KICKOFF BENEFIT SHOW
FRIDAY JUNE 28, 7-9pm



Masonic Hall, 504 Main Street, Bennington
Music, Celebration, and Drag Performances!
Cash Bar, 21+/ID required ~ By Donation -

PRIDE

PARADE DAY, SATURDAY JUNE 29

Join us in the morning at the Bennington Farmer's Market, and Visit The Bennington Museum for special LGBTQ Programs.

Parade Lineup at 1:00- details TBA Parade begins at 2:00, ending at Depot Street Park and Pride Festival

POST-PARADE PRIDE FESTIVAL, Depot Street Park, 2-5

Music, speakers, poetry, great food, vendors!

This will be a memorable celebration!

QUEER YOUTH PROM, Saturday, June 29

(Shuttle from the Park to Prom at 4:30 from the FEST.

Requires invitation/RSVP: email queerconnect@yahoo.com to get yours!

PRIDE PICNIC, Sunday, June 30 DETAILS TBA



Bennington Pride Weekend is a project of Queer Connect, Inc.
FOR UPDATED INFO: <https://facebook.com/queerconnect>

ADVENTURES IN READING

Why is the why
The why that we're reading
What's it all about;
We like all our reading in non-fiction and lore
We like the authors
The stories galore.

We invite you to get on board
You gotta like the printed word
Join us, see what we're about
We'd like to have you join us
No hard work, no muss or fuss.
Who wants to read the books that we do
Gotta be people like you.

Our current Readers are reporting on books read and making suggestions for our Readers to select for reading in our upcoming year 2019-2020.

If you are interested in joining us contact me at 802-375-9020.



Janet S. Wilson
Coordinator

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, June 15, 2019

11:30 a.m. Bailey Hall

Bring your lunch,

Coffee and Tea provided

Bring your knitting, crocheting or
handiwork.

Questions?

Speak with Raebeth Hitchcock

375-9294



Thank You

Our church family is so wonderful, caring and generous. We have given \$310 to Church World Service to provide 31 blankets for those who have been displaced, endure disasters, floods, storms, etc. around the world.

CWS TOOLS

We can show love and honor our fathers and father figures by donating to the CWS tools program. These tools equips families worldwide with tools that they need to build stronger futures.

**Southwest Association
within the Vermont Conference
United Church of Christ**



ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

All ministers with standing in the Southwest Association and four delegates from each member church are hereby warned and all other interested persons are invited to be present at:

**GRACE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Registration begins at 1:30
PM Sunday, June 9, 2019**



The meeting will:

Receive and act on reports of the Scribe, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee.

Receive reports from other committees of the Association. Conduct such other business as may be appropriate to an Annual Meeting.

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| 1:30 - 2:00 pm | Registration, Snacks and Fellowship |
| 2:00 - 2:30 pm | Opening Worship, Greeting by
Rev. Paul Sangree |
| 2:30 - 3:15 pm | Business Meeting |
| 3:15 - 4:00 pm | Breakout Session and Discussion of the possibility of an
Association Minister |
| 4:00 pm | Handbell Concert for Penetcost |

Tintinnabula will be joined by the Tinmouth handbell choir to offer a concert of seasonal music.

Special guest, Jen Cohen will join the choirs on steel drums.



Southwest Association
within the Vermont Conference of the UCC
Local Mission Work Week
July 22-26, 2019



The Witness and Mission Committee invites the congregations of the Southwest Association to join in a Local Mission Work Week this summer.

During the LOCAL MISSION WEEK,

July 22-26, congregations will be encouraged to:

- Plan a hands-on mission opportunity within your local community for some time during that week. It could be a one day project or some thing more involved.
- Join with other congregations throughout the SWA to work jointly on a project. The Witness and Mission Committee will identify projects that congregations will be able to advertise and join with others in doing.

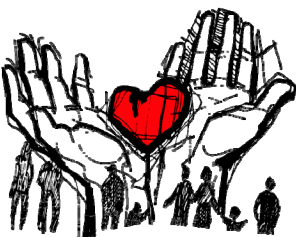
Watch for more information!

- We hope to have a work project and possible potluck supper at Smokey House in Danby at some point during the week.

We would love to have events going on throughout the week of July 22-26 in all areas of the Southwest Association! Let us know if your church is willing to organize an event so we can get the word out association-wide this summer!

Contact Jane LoBrutto jane@dorsetchurch.org

or call 802-867-2260 to let her know your plans!





**Sign up any week right at the market (ages 5-11)!
Special activities happen each Friday in August!**

FUN AND FREE MEET LOCAL

FARMERS

A NEW ACTIVITY EVERY WEEK TRY

NEW FOODS

COMPLETE THE TWO BITE CHALLENGE EARN

POP CLUB BUCKS

PICK OUT/TAKE HOME FRESH PRODUCE

Arlington Village Farmers Market



Every Friday 4-7 PM

June 21-Sept. 6

At the Arlington Inn

Junction of Rte. 7A and Rte. 313

POP Club is made possible with donations from the employees of Battenkill Valley Health Center and the employees of Arlington Memorial High School and Fisher Elementary School, with support from the Arlington Area Renewal Project. Follow us

The Federated Church of East Arlington

"We, the members of the Federated Church of East Arlington, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming and Reconciling congregation. With God's help, we include all persons in our fellowship, embracing and celebrating differences of gender identity, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, and sexual orientation, as well as racial, ethnic and socio-economic background. We welcome into our community everyone who seeks to share in the work and worship of the church of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."



Contact Sandy Grover: sandragrover@gmail.com;
375-4982; church office 375-2548 or church email
federatedchurch05250@gmail.com

Bring your own cup or mug

There is a tray on the pass through counter in the kitchen.

You are welcome to bring your own coffee cup or mug to use each Sunday at Fellowship/Coffee time and it will be placed on the tray after being washed.

CLIPBOARDS NEED NAMES

Choir Ushers Communion Servers
Fellowship/Coffee Hour Altar
Sunshine Flowers Nursery Assistants
Sunday School Teachers and Helpers
Special times of need: dinners, etc.

We are a family, we love each other,
we need each other,
we are loved by God.



Arlington Area Food Shelf

2019

Total to date: 230 pounds



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

WEBSITE NEWS

federatedchurchofeastarlington.org

If you would like to add anything (pictures, articles) to the website or have suggestions, contact

Sue Wirkki, 375-9471 sue@wirkki.org

Like the Federated Church of East Arlington on Facebook.



FROM THE OFFICE

If you know of a prayer request to add or change in the bulletin, please let the office know by Thursday.

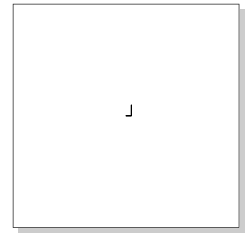
Thank you, Sandy



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The mission of The Federated Church of East Arlington is to welcome all, follow Jesus Christ together, and live God's Word with compassionate service.



June 2019 Newsletter

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6/2 10am-Worship with Rev. Stephen Dale
- 6/9 10am-Worship with Karen Underhill
2:30pm-SWAssoc. Annual Meeting
- 9/15 11:30am-Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 9/16 10am-Community Worship Service
at Grange Pavilion in West Arlington
to kickoff Summer Lunch Program
11am-Potluck Lunch and Community
Service Award by Battenkill Grange
- 9/18 3:30pm-Summer Lunch begins
- 9/21 4pm-Arlington Area Farmers Market
- 9/23 10am-Worship, CWS tools collection

- 9/24 Faith and Nature Camp begins
- 9/25 3:30pm-Summer Lunch Program
- 9/28 4pm-Arlington Area Farmers Market
FCEA has a table
- 9/29 2pm-Pride Parade in Bennington
- 9/30 Worship—UCC Associate Conference
Minister will be visiting

